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### Halon Substitutes Under SNAP as of January 27, 2003

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EPA has created the Significant New Alternatives Policy (SNAP) Program under section 612 of the Clean Air Act Amendments. SNAP evaluates alternatives to ozone-depleting substances. Substitutes are reviewed on the basis of ozone depletion potential, global warming potential, toxicity, flammability, and exposure potential as described in the March 18, 1994 final SNAP rule (59 FR 13044). Lists of acceptable and unacceptable substitutes will be updated periodically in the Federal Register. The following SNAP notices and subsequent final rules are included in this list: August 26, 1994 (59 FR 44240), January 13, 1995 (60 FR 3318), June 13, 1995 (60 FR 31092), July 28, 1995 (60 FR 38729), February 8, 1996 (61 FR 4736), May 22, 1996 (61 FR 25585), September 5, 1996 (61 FR 47012), October 16, 1996 (61 FR 54030), March 10, 1997 (62 FR 10700), June 3, 1997 (62 FR 30275), February 24, 1998 (63 FR 9151), May 22, 1998 (63 FR 28251), January 26, 1999 (64 FR 3861), April 28, 1999 (64 FR 22981)., April 26, 2000 (64 FR 30410), April 26, 2000 (65 FR 24387), January 29, 2002 (67 FR 4185), and December 20, 2002 (67 FR 77927).

Substitute	Trade Name	Comments
HCFC-123	FE-232	Non-residential uses only.
HCFC-124	FE-241	Non-residential uses only.
[HCFC Blend] B	Halotron 1	Non-residential uses only.
[HCFC Blend] C	NAF P-III	Non-residential uses only.
[HCFC Blend] D	Blitz III	Non-residential uses only.
Gelled Halocarbon/Dry Chemical Suspension	Envirogel	Allowable in the residential use market.
[Surfactant Blend] A	Cold Fire, FlameOut	
Water Mist Systems using Potable or Natural Sea Water		
Carbon Dioxide		
Dry Chemical		
Water		

Acceptable Substitutes for Halon 1211 Streaming Agents Under the Significant New Alternatives Policy (SNAP) Program as of January 27, 2003				
Substitute Trade Name Comments				
Foam				

Substitute	Trade Name	Limitations	Comments
[HCFC Blend] E	NAF P-IV	Acceptable in nonresidential uses only.	As with other streaming agents, EPA recommends that potential risks of combustion byproducts be labeled on the extinguisher (see UL 2129).
			See comments 1, 2.
HFC-227ea	FM-200	Acceptable in nonresidential uses only.	See comments 1, 2
HFC-236fa		Acceptable in nonresidential uses when manufactured using any process that does not convert perfluoroisobutylene (PFIB) directly to HFC-236fa in a single step.	See comments 1, 2, 3
CF <sub>3</sub> I		Acceptable in nonresidential uses only.	
C <sub>6</sub> F <sub>14</sub>	PFC-614, CEA-614	Acceptable for nonresidential uses where other alternatives are not technically feasible due to performance or safety requirements because of their physical or chemical properties.	Users should observe the limitations on PFC acceptability by making reasonable effort to undertake the following measures:  (i) conduct an evaluation of foreseeable conditions of end use; (ii) determine that the physical or chemical properties or other technical constraints of the other available agents preclude their use; and (iii) determine that human exposure to the other alternative extinguishing agents may result in failure to meet applicable use conditions; <b>Documentation of such measures should be available for review upon request.</b> See additional comments 1, 2

Substitute	Trade Name	Limitations	Comments
C6- perfluoroketone (1,1,1,2,2,4,5,5,5- nonafluoro-4- (trifluoromethyl)- 3-pentanone)	Novec 1230	Acceptable in nonresidential uses only.	For operations that fill canisters to be used in streaming applications, EPA recommends the following: - install and use adequate ventilation; - clean up all spills immediately in accordance with good industrial hygiene practices; and - provide training for safe handling procedures to all employees that would be likely to handle containers of the agent or extinguishing units filled with the agent.  See additional comments 1, 2, 4, 5
H Galden HFPEs		Acceptable in nonresidential uses only.	For operations that fill canisters to be used in streaming applications, EPA recommends the following: - install and use adequate ventilation; - clean up all spills immediately in accordance with good industrial hygiene practices; and - provide training for safe handling procedures to all employees that would be likely to handle containers of the agent or extinguishing units filled with the agent.  See additional comments 1, 2, 4, 5

- 1. Discharge testing and training should be strictly limited only to that which is essential to meet safety or performance requirements.
- 2. The agent should be recovered from the fire protection system in conjunction with testing or servicing, and recycled for later use or destroyed.
- 3. Acceptable for local application systems inside textile process machinery.
- 4. As with other streaming agents, EPA recommends that potential risks of combustion by-products be labeled on the extinguisher (see UL 2129)
- 5. EPA has no intention of duplicating or displacing OSHA coverage related to the use of personal protective equipment (e.g., respiratory protection), fire protection, hazard communication, worker training or any other occupational safety and health standard with respect to halon substitutes.

Substitute	Trade Name	Comments
Powdered Aerosol C	PyroGen, Soyuz	For use in unoccupied areas only.
Powdered Aerosol A	SFE	For use in unoccupied areas only.
Carbon Dioxide		System design must adhere to OSHA 1910.162(b)(5) and NFPA Standard 12
Water		
Water Mist Systems using Potable or Natural Sea Water		
HCFC-22		Use of this agent should be in accordance with the safety guidelines in the latest edition of the NFPA 2001 Standard for Clean Agent Fire Extinguishing Systems.
		The comparative design concentration based on cup burner values is approximately 13.9% while its cardiotoxic LOAEL is 5.0%. Thus, it is unlikely that this agent will be used in normally occupied areas.
		See additional comments 1, 2, 3, 4
HCFC-124		Use of this agent should be in accordance with the safety guidelines in the latest edition of the NFPA 2001 Standard for Clean Agent Fire Extinguishing Systems.
		The comparative design concentration based on cup burner values is approximately 8.4% while its cardiotoxic LOAEL is 2.5%. Thus, it is unlikely that this agent will be used in normally occupied areas.
		See additional comments 1, 2, 3, 4
[HCFC Blend] A	NAF S-III	Use of this agent should be in accordance with the safety guidelines in the latest edition of the NFPA 2001 Standard for Clean Agent Fire Extinguishing Systems.
		The comparative design concentration based on full scale testing is approximately 8.6%.
		The agent should be recovered from the fire protection system in conjunction with testing or servicing, and should be recycled for later use or destroyed.
		Feasible for use in a normally occupied area.
		See additional comments 1, 2, 3, 4

Substitute	Trade Name	Comments
HFC-23	FE 13	Use of this agent should be in accordance with the safety guidelines in the latest edition of the NFPA 2001 Standard for Clean Agent Fire Extinguishing Systems.
		The comparative design concentration based on cup burner values is approximately 14.4% while data indicates that its cardiotoxicity NOAEL is 30% without added oxygen and 50% with added oxygen. Its LOAEL is likely to exceed 50%.
		Feasible for use in a normally occupied area.
		See additional comments 1, 2, 3, 4
HFC-125	FE 25	Use of this agent should be in accordance with the safety guidelines in the latest edition of the NFPA 2001 Standard for Clean Agent Fire Extinguishing Systems.
		The comparative design concentration based on cup burner values is approximately 11.3% while its cardiotoxic LOAEL is 10.0%. Thus, it is unlikely that this agent will be used in normally occupied areas.
		See additional comments 1, 2, 3, 4
HFC-134a		Use of this agent should be in accordance with the safety guidelines in the latest edition of the NFPA 2001 Standard for Clean Agent Fire Extinguishing Systems.
		The comparative design concentration based on cup burner values is approximately 12.6% while its cardiotoxic LOAEL is 8.0%. Thus, it is unlikely that this agent will be used in normally occupied areas.
		See additional comments 1, 2, 3, 4

Substitute	Trade Name	Comments
HFC-227ea	FM-200	The comparative design concentration based on cup burner values is approximately 7.0% while data indicate that its cardiotoxicity LOAEL is probably greater than 10.5%. EPA is accepting 10.5% as its LOAEL.
		This agent was submitted to the Agency as a Premanufacture Notice (PMN) agent and is presently subject to requirements contained in a Toxic Substances Control Act (TSCA) Significant New Use Rule (SNUR).
		Feasible for use in a normally occupied area.
		Use of this agent should be in accordance with the safety guidelines in the latest edition of the NFPA 2001 Standard for Clean Agent Fire Extinguishing Systems.
		See additional comments 1, 2, 3, 4
IG-100	NN100	IG-100 systems must include alarms and warning mechanisms.
		Workplace personnel and employees should not remain in or re-enter the area after system discharge (even if such discharge is accidental) without appropriate personal protective equipment.
		Use of this agent should be in accordance with the safety guidelines in the latest edition of the NFPA 2001 Standard for Clean Agent Fire Extinguishing Systems.
		See additional comments 1, 2 and 5.
IG-01	Argotec	Use of this agent should be in accordance with the safety guidelines in the latest edition of the NFPA 2001 Standard for Clean Agent Fire Extinguishing Systems.
(formerly Inert Gas Blend C)		The Agency does not contemplate personnel remaining in the space after system discharge during a fire without Self Contained Breathing Apparatus (SCBA) as required by OSHA.
		EPA does not encourage any employee to intentionally remain in the area after system discharge, even in the event of accidental discharge. In addition, the system must include alarms and warning mechanisms as specified by OSHA.
		See additional comments 1, 2.

Substitute	Trade Name	Comments
IG-55 (formerly Inert Gas Blend B)	Argonite	The Agency does not contemplate personnel remaining in the space after system discharge during a fire without Self-Contained Breathing Apparatus (SCBA) as required by OSHA.  EPA does not encourage any employee to intentionally remain in the area after discharge, even in the event of accidental discharge. In addition, the system must include alarms and warning mechanisms as specified by OSHA.  See additional comments 1, 2
IG-541	Inergen	Use of this agent should be in accordance with the safety guidelines in the latest edition of the NFPA 2001 Standard for Clean Agent Fire Extinguishing Systems.  Studies have shown that healthy, young individuals can remain in a 10% to 12% oxygen atmosphere for 30 to 40 minutes without impairment. However, in a fire emergency, the oxygen level may be reduced below safe levels, and the combustion products formed by the fire are likely to cause harm. Thus, the Agency does not contemplate personnel remaining in the space after system discharge during a fire without Self Contained Breathing Apparatus (SCBA) as required by OSHA.  Feasible for use in a normally occupied area.  See additional comments 1, 2
Gelled Halocarbon/Dry Chemical Suspension with ammonium polyphosphate additive	Envirogel with ammonium polyphosphate additive	Use of this agent should be in accordance with the safety guidelines in the latest edition of the NFPA 2001 Standard for Clean Agent Fire Extinguishing Systems, for whichever hydrofluorocarbon gas is employed.  Envirogel is listed as a streaming substitute under the generic name Gelled Halocarbon / Dry Chemical Suspension. Envirogel was also previously listed as a total flooding substitute under the same generic name.  See additional comments 1, 2, 3, 4, 5.
Foam A (formerly [Water Mist / Surfactant Blend] A)	Phirex+	This agent is not a clean agent, but is a low-density, short duration foam.

Acceptable Substitutes for Halon 1301 Total Flooding Agents Under the Significant New Alternatives Policy (SNAP) Program as of January 27, 2003			
Substitute Trade Name Comments			
C6-perfluoroketone (1,1,1,2,2,4,5,5,5-nonafluoro-4-(trifluoromethyl)-3-pentanone)	Novec 1230	Use of the agent should be in accordance with the safety guidelines in the latest edition of the NFPA 2001 Standard for Clean Agent Fire Extinguishing Systems.  For operations that install and maintain total flooding systems using this agent, EPA recommends the following:  - install and use adequate ventilation;  - clean up all spills immediately in accordance with good industrial hygiene practices; and  - provide training for safe handling procedures to all employees that would be likely to handle containers of the agent or extinguishing units filled with the agent.	
		agent or extinguishing units filled with the agent.  See additional notes 1, 2, 3, 4, 5.	

- 1. Must conform with OSHA 29 CFR 1910 Subpart L Section 1910.160.
- 2. Per OSHA requirements, protective gear (SCBA) must be available in the event personnel must reenter the area.
- 3. Discharge testing should be strictly limited only to that which is essential to meet safety or performance requirements.
- 4. The agent should be recovered from the fire protection system in conjunction with testing or servicing, and recycled for later use or destroyed.
- 5. EPA has no intention of duplicating or displacing OSHA coverage related to the use of personal protective equipment (e.g., respiratory protection), fire protection, hazard communication, worker training or any other occupational safety and health standard with respect to EPAs regulation of halon substitutes.

	Acceptable Substitutes for Halon 1301 Total Flooding Agents Subject to Use Conditions under the Significant New Alternatives Policy (SNAP) Program as of January 27, 2003				
Substitute	Trade Name	Conditions	Comments		
Inert Gas/ Powdered	FS 0140	For use in normally unoccupied areas only.	The manufacturer's SNAP application requested listing for use in unoccupied areas only.		
Aerosol Blend		Any employee who could possibly be in the area must be able to escape within 30 seconds. The employer shall ensure that no unprotected employees enter the area during discharge.	See additional comment 2.		

- 1. Must conform with OSHA 29 CFR 1910 Subpart L Section 1910.160.
- 2. Per OSHA requirements, protective gear (SCBA) must be available in the event personnel must reenter the area.
- 3. Discharge testing should be strictly limited only to that which is essential to meet safety or performance requirements.
- 4. The agent should be recovered from the fire protection system in conjunction with testing or servicing, and recycled for later use or destroyed.
- 5. EPA has no intention of duplicating or displacing OSHA coverage related to the use of personal protective equipment (e.g., respiratory protection), fire protection, hazard communication, worker training or any other occupational safety and health standard with respect to EPAs regulation of halon substitutes.

Substitute	Trade Name	Limitations	Comments
HFC-236fa		Acceptable when manufactured using any process that does not convert perfluoroisobutylene (PFIB) directly to HFC-236fa in a single step:  - for use in explosion suppression and explosion inertion applications, and  - for use in fire suppression applications where other non-PFC agents or alternatives are not technically feasible due to performance or safety requirements:  (a) because of their physical or chemical properties, or  (b) where human exposure to the extinguishing agents may result in failure to meet applicable use conditions	Use of this agent should be in accordance with the safety guidelines in the latest edition of the NFPA 2001 Standard for Clean Agent Fire Extinguishing Systems.  The comparative design concentration based on cup burner values is approximately 6.4%.  Users should observe the limitations on HFC-236fa acceptability by taking the following measures: (i) conduct an evaluation of foreseeable conditions of end use; (ii) determine that the physical or chemical properties or other technical constraints of the other available agents preclude their use; and (iii) determine that human exposure to the other alternative extinguishing agents may result in failure to meet safety guidelines in the latest edition of the NFPA 2001 Standard for Clean Agent Fire Extinguishing Systems.  Documentation of such measures should be available for review upon request.  The principal environmental characteristic of concern for HFC-236fa is its high GWP of 9400 and long atmospheric lifetime of 226 years. Actual contributions to global
			warming depend upon the quantities emitted.  Feasible for use in a normally occupied area.  See additional comments 1, 2, 3, 4, 5

Substitute	Trade Name	Limitations	Comments
$C_3F_8$	308	Acceptable for nonresidential uses where other alternatives are not technically feasible due to performance or safety requirements:  (a) because of their physical or chemical properties, or  (b) where human exposure to the extinguishing agents may result in failure to meet applicable use conditions	The comparative design concentration based on cup burner values is approximately 8.8%.  Use of this agent should be in accordance with the safety guidelines in the latest edition of the NFPA 2001 Standard for Clean Agent Fire Extinguishing Systems.  Users should observe the limitations on PFC acceptability by taking the following measures: (i) conduct an evaluation of foreseeable conditions of end-use; (ii) determine that the physical or chemical properties or other technical constraints of the other available agents preclude their use; and (iii) determine that human exposure to the other alternative extinguishing agents may result in failure to meet safety guidelines in the latest edition of the NFPA 2001 Standard for Clean Agent Fire Extinguishing Systems.  Documentation of such measures should be available for review upon request.  The principal environmental characteristic of concern for PFCs is that they have high GWPs and long atmospheric lifetimes. Actual contributions to global warming depend upon the quantities of PFCs emitted.  See additional comments 1, 2, 3, 4, 5.

Substitute	Trade Name	Limitations	Comments
$C_4F_{10}$	PFC-410, CEA-410	Acceptable for nonresidential uses where other alternatives are not technically feasible due to performance or safety requirements:  (a) because of their physical or chemical properties, or  (b) where human exposure to the extinguishing agents may result in failure to meet applicable use conditions	Use of this agent should be in accordance with the safety guidelines in the latest edition of the NFPA 2001 Standard for Clean Agent Fire Extinguishing Systems.  Users should observe the limitations on PFC acceptability by taking the following measures: (i) conduct an evaluation of foreseeable conditions of end-use; (ii) determine that the physical or chemical properties or other technical constraints of the other available agents preclude their use; and (iii) determine that human exposure to the other alternative extinguishing agents may result in failure to meet safety guidelines in the latest edition of the NFPA 2001 Standard for Clean Agent Fire Extinguishing Systems.  Documentation of such measures should be available for review upon request.  The principal environmental characteristic of concern for PFCs is that they have high GWPs and long atmospheric lifetimes. Actual contributions to global warming depend upon the quantities of PFCs emitted.  See additional comments 1, 2, 3, 4, 5.
SF <sub>6</sub>		Only for use as a discharge agent in military applications and in civilian aircraft.	Users should limit testing only to that which is essential to meet safety or performance requirements.  This agent is used only to test new Halon 1301 systems.
CF <sub>3</sub> I		Use only in normally unoccupied areas.	Use of this agent should be in accordance with the safety guidelines in the latest edition of the NFPA 2001 Standard for Clean Agent Fire Extinguishing Systems.  See additional comments 1, 2, 3, 4, 5.

Substitute	Trade Name	Limitations	Comments
Gelled Halocarbon/D ry Chemical Suspension with any additive other than ammonium poly- phosphate	Envirogel with any additive other than ammonium polyphosphate	Use only in normally unoccupied areas	Use of this agent should be in accordance with the safety guidelines in the latest edition of the NFPA 2001 Standard for Clean Agent Fire Extinguishing Systems, for whichever hydrofluorocarbon gas is employed.  Envirogel is listed as a streaming substitute under the generic name Gelled Halocarbon / Dry Chemical Suspension. Envirogel was also previously listed as a total flooding substitutes under the same generic name.  See additional comments 1, 2, 3, 4, 5.
Halotron II		Use only in normally unoccupied areas.	See additional comments 1, 2, 3, 4, 5.
HFC227-BC  Sodium bicarbonate release in all settings should be tar so that increased pH level would not adversely affect exposed individuals. Users should provide special train individuals required to be in environments protected by HFC227–BC extinguishing systems.		exposed individuals. Users should provide special training to individuals required to be in environments protected by HFC227–BC extinguishing systems.  Each HFC227–BC extinguisher should be clearly labeled with the potential hazards from use and safe handling	Use of this agent should be in accordance with the safety guidelines in the latest edition of the NFPA 2001 Standard for Clean Agent Fire Extinguishing Systems.  See additional comments 1, 2, 3, 4, 5.

- 1. Should conform with OSHA 29 CFR 1910 Subpart L Section 1910.160.
- 2. Per OSHA requirements, protective gear (SCBA) must be available in the event personnel must reenter the area.
- 3. Discharge testing should be strictly limited only to that which is essential to meet safety or performance requirements.
- 4. The agent should be recovered from the fire protection system in conjunction with testing or servicing, and recycled for later use or destroyed.
- 5. EPA has no intention of duplicating or displacing OSHA coverage related to the use of personal protective equipment (e.g., respiratory protection), fire protection, hazard communication, worker training or any other occupational safety and health standard with respect to halon substitutes.

## Unacceptable Substitutes for Halon Fire Suppression and Explosion Protection Systems under the Significant New Alternatives Policy (SNAP) Program as of January 27, 2003

Substitute	Trade Name	ODS Being Replaced	Reason
CFC-11		Halon 1211 streaming agents	This agent has been suggested for use on large outdoor fires for which non-ozone depleting alternatives are currently available. In addition, CAAA section 610 bans the use of CFCs in portable extinguishers.
HFC-32		Halon 1301 total flooding agents	This agent is flammable.
Chlorobromo- methane (Halon 1011)		Halon 1301 total flooding agents	Other alternatives exist with zero or lower ODP; OSHA regulations prohibit its use as an extinguishing agent in fixed extinguished systems where employees may be exposed. See 29 CFR 1910.160(b)(11).
HBFC-22B1	FM-100	Halon 1301 total flooding agents	HBFC-22B1 is a Class I ozone depleting substance with an ozone depletion potential of 0.74. The manufacturer of this agent terminated production of this agent January 1, 1996, except for critical uses, and removed it from the market because it is a fetal toxin.